

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 13-21 and 25-29 are pending in the application. Claims 13-21 and 29 are amended. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made to exclusively improve readability and clarity of the claims and not for the purpose of overcoming alleged prior art.

The amendments to the specification and claims should make all of the claims allowable. Additionally, the amendments to the specification and claims should not require any further search to determine patentability. Therefore, entry of the amendment after final rejection is requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 13-21 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the subject matter of those claims is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 13-21 and 29 have been amended. Now each of these claims once again recites a “computer-readable medium” (as it formerly did before being amended to read “computer-readable storage medium,” which the Final Office Action alleged lacked support in the specification).

Additionally, the specification has been amended to remove, from the definition of “computer-readable medium,” any reference to anything that might be perceived as being non-statutory.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered and that the rejection of Claims 13-21 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

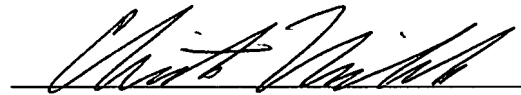
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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